



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

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Minutes for February 21, 2013

In attendance: Chairman Goulette, Commissioners Borowiec, Grise, Derosia and Taney. Atty. Rooke is also present.

Minutes for January are presented to the Board. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Application for a New Wine/Malt Package Store for Pride Convenience, Inc, 167 Chicopee St with Frank Gallo as manager. In attendance: Atty. Tom Murphy, Robert Bolduc, Athene Zaleski and Frank Gallo. City Councilors present: John Vieau, Dino Brunetti, Frank Laflamme, Jay Croteau and Gerry Roy. Atty. Murphy states to the Board that this application has been before the Board several times before. They have listened to the concerns of the Commission and the City Council and the surrounding residents and modified the plans to address all concerns. They have a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the property located behind the building. This property figured prominently in the new design, there will be additional parking and the entrance to the package store will be located on this side of the property. There will be a privacy fence and green space as well. There will also be an entrance to the conveniences store. The package store is a separate store with its own entrance/exit and delivery doors. They have worked extensively with the Fire Department on this plan. Atty. Rooke informs the Board that they can go forward with the hearing tonight and approve contingent on the approved recommendation of the Planning Board or they can postpone the hearing. Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to proceed with the hearing and make a vote contingent on the Planning Board. Atty. Rooke states that if the Planning Board does not recommend approval the application will come back before the Commission. Commissioner Derosia seconds the motion. Commissioner Derosia has concerns about the convenience store door being so close to the package store door. Mr. Bolduc states that the door will be moved farther over and there will be more signage added. Commissioner Derosia has concerns about the delivery in the front of the building and Mr. Bolduc states that deliveries can be made on the side of the store. Also the Commissioners heard comments from area residents concerning public safety, close proximity to a park and school, traffic, children in the area and lack of need in the area. There were several people who spoke in favor of the license, some of them being employees of Pride. There was petition presented in favor of the license with approximately 700 signatures that was implemented by Pride employees and signed by Pride customers. There was also a petition presented from neighboring residents opposing the license with 46 signatures. Several City Councilors spoke with their concerns including the fact that at other Pride locations they have asked for certain public safety measures to be taken and they have not been addressed. Atty. Murphy explains that they are working on several issues concerning this and there should be a resolution shortly that should satisfy all concerns. Some residents were concerned about alcohol sales within a conveniences store. Chairman Goulette informs them that with this new plan, the package store is a separate store. Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve with the contingency that the Planning Board has a favorable recommendation on the new plan, the state approve a new curb cut and the property sale being executed upon approval of the ABCC of the license with regards to the plan submitted. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Application for a New Wine/Malt Package Store for IQRA, Inc, D/b/a Stop N Go, 643 Prospect Street with Irfan Kashif as manager. Mr., Kashif asks that this hearing be postponed until the next meeting as his lawyer did not appear tonight.

Application for a Change of Manager for Buffalo Club, 333 James St with Norman Grandbois as proposed new manager. In attendance: Norman Grandbois. Mr. Grandbois informs the Board that he has been a bartender for the past 15 years and is TIPS certified. Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Review restriction for Falls Polish Home, 27 Grove Street. In attendance: Elaine Dowd and Marian Zielinski. Ms. Dowd explains to the Board that they would like to decrease police details when they book the small hall. Commissioners feel that there have not been any problems because they do have police details there. She then asks if she has to have the police details for a Sweet 16 party if it is a Polish family booking the party. Chairman Goulette informs her that she cannot do that as it is discrimination. When there is any type of Sweet 15 or 16 party there has to be a police detail present. Ms. Dowd agrees. The restriction remains in effect.

2013 Renewal

Common Victualer

Twins Variety, 112 Ducharme Ave- 2012 Real Estate taxes are paid

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Automatic Amusement

Chicopee Street General Store, 957 Chicopee St- 1 Skill Touch

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0

Lodging House

Kendall House, 2-4 Springfield St

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0

Application for a Special Event for a 18+ College Night to be held at Maximum Capacity, 116 School St on March 7,14,21 and 28 ,2013 with Donald Robert, Jr as applicant

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0

Determine annual fee for an Annual Innholders Wine/Malt license

Innholders All Alcohol-\$1515.00

Restaurant Wine/Malt-\$650.00

Restaurant All Alcohol-\$1190.00

Commissioners review the fees for the Annual All Alcohol Innholders license along with the Restaurant fees to determine the new rate.

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to set the fee for an Annual Wine/Malt Innholders license at \$1250.00 per year. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 5-0.

Filing Fees are read by Commissioner Grise.

Mr. Paul Folta appears before the Commission to explain why his 2013 Lodging House license has not been renewed. Mr. Folta informs the Board that he was in the process of moving and dropped the ball on this. He has no one to blame but himself. He has scheduled appointments with the health department and Fire department for the end of February. He has spoken to the Building department and will be contacting them for an inspection after the other inspections are completed. Once all the paperwork is in order he will return it to the License Commissions.